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METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A FINE CHEMICAL BY FERMENTATION

the specification of which was filed on December 17, 2004 as Application No. PCT/IB2004/004426, and USSN 10/579648 filed on May 18, 2006.

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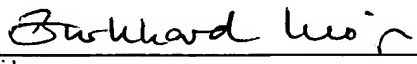
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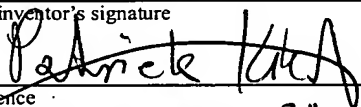
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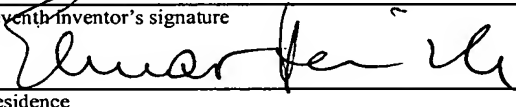
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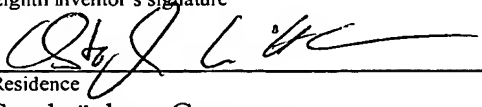
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